

September 2, 2003

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Terry Ellis, Peoria, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, September 10, 2003 - noon (Meeting will begin promptly at noon)
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

The next Management Committee meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Management Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. The agenda and summaries are being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue regarding the agenda items between members of the Management Committee and Regional Council. You are encouraged to review the supporting information enclosed. Lunch will be provided at a nominal cost.

Please park in the garage under the building, bring your ticket, parking will be validated. Special parking places marked "MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER" will be reserved for Management Committee members on the fourth and fifth levels of the garage. For those using transit, Valley Metro/RPTA will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

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Members are reminded of the importance of attendance by yourself or a proxy. Any time that a quorum is not present, we cannot conduct the meeting. Please set aside sufficient time for the meeting, and for all matters to be reviewed and acted upon by the Management Committee. Your presence and vote count.

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
September 10, 2003**

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Management Committee for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Management Committee requests an exception to this limit.	3. Information.
4. <u>Executive Director's Report</u> The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.	4. Information and discussion.
5. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.	5. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*5A. <u>Approval of July 9, 2003 Meeting Minutes</u>	5A. Review and approve the July 9, 2003 meeting minutes.
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TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

*5B. Enhancement Funds Working Group Round XI Recommendations

The Enhancement Funds Working Group (EFWG) was formed by the MAG Regional Council in April 1993 to review and recommend a ranked list of Enhancement Fund applications from this region to the State Transportation Enhancement Review Committee (TERC). The Working Group recommends that the attached ranked applications be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for consideration by the TERC. In addition to reviewing and recommending projects to be submitted to the TERC, the EFWG reviews ADOT policies and recommends changes to improve the transportation enhancement program. This year, the Working Group discussed ADOT policies regarding limits on the size of trees used in transportation enhancement projects. The Group recommended that regulations limiting tree size to 15 gallons in all transportation enhancement projects be dropped due to concerns for health, safety and public welfare. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5C. Proposed Amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement for Highway Projects.

The FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 24, 2002. Since that time, ADOT has been notified that the region has been awarded \$2,980,500 in ITS funding to develop connectivity and inter-operability with the AzTech ITS system. Also, the City of Mesa wishes to start development of an Enhancement funded project to design and construct pedestrian pathways, furniture and other amenities in their Downtown area. This project has been incorrectly omitted from the current TIP as being already underway. In order to proceed with these projects, they need to be added to the TIP. Both of the proposed changes may be categorized as exempt projects or minor

5B. Recommend that ranked applications from the MAG Enhancement Funds Working Group be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Transportation for consideration by the State Transportation Enhancement Review Committee, and recommend that regulations limiting tree size to 15 gallons in all transportation enhancement projects be dropped due to concerns for health, safety and public welfare.

5C. Recommend approving an Amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to add a new ITS project for ADOT and an Enhancement project for Mesa.

project revisions for which an air quality conformity analysis is not required. Consultation on the conformity assessment for the proposed changes is considered under a separate agenda item. Please refer to the enclosed material.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

*5D. Consultation on Proposed Transportation Conformity Processes for the 2003 MAG Conformity Analysis

Federal and state conformity regulations require that MAG consult with federal, state, and local air quality and transportation agencies on proposed processes for the conformity analysis on the Transportation Improvement Program and Plan. MAG distributed for comment the proposed processes to be applied in the upcoming conformity analysis for the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the Regional Transportation Plan. Comments regarding this material were requested by August 29, 2003. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5D. For consultation.

*5E. Consultation on Potentially Regionally Significant Projects of the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Federal and state conformity regulations require Metropolitan Planning Organizations such as MAG to consult with state and local air quality and transportation agencies, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and U.S. Department of Transportation regarding which transportation projects will be considered "regionally significant" for the purposes of regional emissions analysis. Regionally significant projects are subject to conformity requirements. A list of potentially regionally significant projects from the proposed FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program has been prepared. It is requested that comments regarding the list be reported to MAG by August 29, 2003. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5E. For consultation.

*5F. Conformity Consultation

MAG is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment to amend the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The amendment is necessary to include new federal Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) funding to develop connectivity and interoperability with the AzTech ITS system. The amendment also includes a City of Mesa transportation enhancement project to design and construct pedestrian pathways, furniture, and other amenities in their Downtown area. Both projects may be categorized as exempt. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5F. For consultation.

GENERAL ITEM

*5G. Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Town of Buckeye Tartesso West Water Reclamation Facility

The Town of Buckeye is requesting that MAG amend the 208 Water Quality Management Plan to include the Tartesso West Water Redamation Facility. The Maricopa County unincorporated area is within three miles of the project, and the County has indicated they do not object to the proposed facility. On June 5, 2003, the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee authorized a public hearing on the draft amendment with provisos. At the July 28, 2003 public hearing, the Town of Buckeye and the City of Goodyear indicated that the provisos from the Water Quality Advisory Committee had been addressed. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5G. Recommend approval of the Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Town of Buckeye Tartesso West Water Reclamation Facility.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEM

6. Regional Transportation Plan Update

An update will be provided on the development of the Regional Transportation Plan that is being developed by the Transportation Policy Committee.

6. Information and discussion.

GENERAL ITEMS7. 2005 Population Options

In October 2003, the MAG Management Committee established a Subcommittee on 2005 Population Options to explore more cost-effective alternatives to a Special Census for deriving a 2005 population figure for distributing state-shared revenues to member agencies. This year State law was amended to allow for the use of a Census Survey, or a July 1, 2005 Arizona Department of Economic Security Population estimate in addition to a Special Census for distributing almost \$1 billion in state-shared revenue annually. After extensive deliberations during ten meetings held over a 10-month period, the MAG Management Subcommittee on 2005 Population Options has recommended that MAG conduct a Census Survey with a confidence interval of 95 percent plus/minus 2 percent at a cost of \$9.4 million. Jurisdictions that wish to conduct a survey with a higher confidence interval – 95 percent plus/minus 1 percent – would be able to do so if they agreed to incur the additional costs associated with the larger sample size. It is anticipated that this item will be reviewed in September and action taken in October. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Regional Task Force on Arts and Culture

The Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust, the Flinn Foundation, J. W. Kiekhefer and the Margaret T. Morris Foundation are sponsoring a Regional Task Force on Arts and Culture. The task force is chaired by Drew Brown of DMB Construction and members include corporate representatives, elected officials, and education and art representatives. The focus of this task force is on the vitality of the arts organizations and integrating recreational and cultural amenities into our communities. A brief update will be provided on the Regional Task Force on Arts and Culture and its impact on the region.

7. Information and discussion.

8. Information and discussion.

9. State Trust Land Reform

Following the unsuccessful effort to pass a proposition in 2000 that would have set aside three percent of State Trust Land for conservation, a group of community leaders has been working on an approach to conserve some State Trust Land, while maintaining the value of the trust for its beneficiaries. A status report of this process will be provided.

10. Homeland Security Urban Area Assessment

In July, a framework for receiving local elected official input in the FY2003 Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant Program was presented to the Regional Council. This framework involved having Metropolitan Medical Response System cities establish subarea working groups to prepare the needed grant information and for MAG to establish an Urban Area Working Group to review the information. Upon review by the Working Group, the grant information would be sent to the Management Committee and Regional Council for review and comment. Staff will present the Urban Area Assessment that is due to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security by September 30, 2003.

11. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

9. Information and discussion.

10. Information and discussion.

11. Information.

